

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This present invention provides an image reading apparatus aiming at improving its operability while saving the cost and an image forming apparatus provided with the same. Sponges for pressing a pressing plate against a platen glass are constituted of nine sponges. Then, restoration forces  $F_a$  to  $F_c$  generated when sponges on a front side of a document feeding apparatus far from a fulcrum shaft of a hinge unit are crushed are set smaller than restoration forces  $F_g$  to  $F_i$  generated when sponges on a deep side of the document feeding apparatus near the fulcrum shaft 45 of the hinge unit are crushed.